

# ICN Steering Group

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## Peter Lloyd



I am based in north Wales and regularly update the network on Wales matters. If I don't know it's happening, it probably is anyway, just don't take my word for it! I find the network, and Forum in particular, a wonderful resource, full of talented (and humorous) people who give much needed guidance, moral and other support to daily working life.

## Alyn Nicholls



Having graduated from Oxpolo in 1979, I started my career working for a national planning consultancy. I progressed through the ranks from planning assistant and bag carrier to a full equity partner, opening and running an office for the practice in Leeds.

However, in 1990 dissatisfaction with the way the Partnership was run, the lure of independence and propulsion by a dare led me to establish my own practice. I have now been pottering along, plying my trade independently for 32 years. I am a general practitioner, but I have become known for dealing with town centres and retail development. I am appointed an Expert by the High Streets Task Force. I do much the same sort of work as I did in 1990 but nowadays I do it better and with more panache.

Outside of work I have an enduring interest in the delights of older motor cars, I make models professionally and for the last 26 years I have been learning to play the piano accordion, unsuccessfully.

## Jacqueline Veater



I set up my own planning consultancy in 2012, initially with part-time local government contracts and now full-time as a consultant. Having tried graduate trainees and interns and working with associates, I am currently solo again. It is very difficult to get the balance right between maintaining company reputation, having colleagues who can add their expertise when needed, and being part of a network of consultants with whom you can share ideas. I am still trying to find this balance.

Govresources is primarily occupied as a Neighbourhood Planning Consultant with 11 neighbourhood plans at various stages of completion, from starting a refresh to being in Examination. This involves me working with Steering Groups of all shapes and sizes.

I am a member of Locality and contribute to discussions at webinars etc. We also advise parish councils on how to comment on planning applications and local plan consultations, and occasionally advise individuals, who also ask for our help. I provide training and contribute to client events and meetings on a regular basis.

## Brian Waters



I value private practice and have twice served as president of the ACA– the Association of consultant architects. I have also been a vice president of the RIBA.

For five years, recently, I chaired the national planning forum and I have chaired the London planning and development forum since 1990. I edit Planning in London magazine, the Journal of that forum.

I am a chartered town planner and chartered architect and have been in private practice since 1972 and continue working as a sole practitioner. I have for many years enjoyed the ICN and have contributed occasionally.

## Ranjit Sagoo



Starting up as an independent planning consultancy can be daunting to say the least. I bring 22 years of planning experience working in public and private sector and also volunteering for the RTPI England Policy. This would be a great opportunity to both share my experiences to those that are starting off; and, learn from others that have been in the game a lot longer. This is about sharing and working together to develop and maintain a network that is professional and upholds the value and integrity of the RTPI. To also help the next generation of independent consultants and find their feet within the complex and ever changing world of planning.



## Andrew Metcalfe



Graduating from the University of Liverpool in 2010, I worked at two LPA's before moving to consultancy. In April 2019 I left the consultancy I was working at and setup 'Squires Planning'. Initially working from home, it soon became impossible with a growing family and work moved to a nearby office in a converted barn close to my home... the client base has grown through word of mouth, and we have a good variety of projects including but not limited to planning applications, appeals, neighbourhood planning, development management, site promotion, representations, and preparing evidence base documents to inform policy.

I like to think I have played an active role in the ICN network since going it alone and it has proved a vital resource for myself – benefitting greatly from the collective wisdom of the ICN. It has also been great to meet many of you at ICN Conferences and hope to continue meeting new people at such events.

I have been keen to increase my involvement in the RTPI in recent years and given my participation in the ICN, joining the Steering Group seems an ideal way to do so. I am keen to contribute, enhance the profession, and make it easier for people to become and excel as Town Planners in small consultancies.